

Chapter 44

(Senate Bill 113)

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Handgun Permits – Payment of Fees

FOR the purpose of altering the manner in which an applicant for a handgun permit ~~is required to~~ may is required to pay a certain fee to allow for payment by electronic check, credit card, or any method of payment approved by the Secretary of State Police for payment by credit card any method of online payment approved by the Secretary of State Police; and generally relating to handgun permits.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Public Safety
 Section 5–304
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2018 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Public Safety

5–304.

(a) An application for a permit shall be made under oath.

(b) (1) Subject to subsections (c) and (d) of this section, the Secretary may charge a nonrefundable fee payable when an application is filed for a permit.

(2) The fee may not exceed:

- (i) \$75 for an initial application;
- (ii) \$50 for a renewal or subsequent application; and
- (iii) \$10 for a duplicate or modified permit.

(3) The fees under this subsection are in addition to the fees authorized under § 5–305 of this subtitle.

(c) The Secretary may reduce the fee under subsection (b) of this section accordingly for a permit that is granted for one day only and at one place only.

(d) The Secretary may not charge a fee under subsection (b) of this section to:

(1) a State, county, or municipal public safety employee who is required to carry, wear, or transport a handgun as a condition of governmental employment; or

(2) a retired law enforcement officer of the State or a county or municipal corporation of the State.

(e) The applicant ~~may~~ **SHALL** ~~SHALL~~ pay a fee under this section by AN ELECTRONIC CHECK, A CREDIT CARD, OR ~~[a personal check, business check, certified check, or money order]~~ A METHOD OF ONLINE PAYMENT APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY ~~A METHOD OF PAYMENT APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY, OR CREDIT CARD.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2019.

Approved by the Governor, April 18, 2019.